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On the Global Stability Analysis of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Mathematical Model

ABSTRACT

In this present work, we investigated the Global Stability Analysis of Corona virus disease model formulated by Atokolo et al in [11]. The COVID-19 pandemic, also known as the coronavirus pandemic, is an ongoing pandemic that is ravaging the whole world. By constructing a Lyapunov function, we investigated the stability of the model Endemic Equilibrium state to be globally asymptotically stable. This results epidemiologically implies that the COVID-19 will invade the population in respective of the initial conditions (population) considered.

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1.0 Introduction

Corona virus popularly known as (COVID-19) is an ongoing pandemic disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2, [1,2]. The disease was first discovered in Wuhan, China in December 2019 [2] and was declared to be a public health emergency of international concern on the 30th January, 2020 and was identified as a global pandemic by the World Health Organization(WHO) on the 11th March, 2020 [3,4]. 1.94 million Cases were reported as of 14th April, 2020 in over 210 countries of the world, leading to over 121,000 deaths with at least 465,000 recoveries including Nigeria,[5, 6,7].

Fever, cough, shortness of breath, pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome were identified as possible symptoms of corona virus,[8,9].The disease has an incubation period of 2-14 days[10]. The virus majorly is contracted during close contact and also by small droplets produced in the process of sneezing, talking and coughing,[2].In this present work, we extend the work of Atokolo et al in [11] by conducting a Global Stability Analysis(GAS) on the corona virus model.

The concept of global stability is concerned with global properties of a model which can be investigated using Lyapunov function theory. Lyapunov gave a technique that can show if an equilibrium state is stable or unstable through the construction of a Lyapunov function. Lyapunov functions are positive functions that reduce in time along the orbits of a model. The method is advantageous because it sometimes proves stability of a non hyperbolic equilibrium,[12], however, there is no direct method of constructing a Lyapunov functions.

An equilibrium state is asymptotically stable globally if its property holds globally and its domain of attraction is the entire space,[12]. Models such as the ones in [12, 13, 14] are veritable tools towards studying global stabilities of biological models.

2.0 Model Formulation and Procedures:

The following assumptions were provided by Atokolo et al in [11].In modelling the spread of disease (COVID'19) pandemic, the following were assumed.

- i. The model incorporates a net inflow of individuals into the susceptible population. This parameter comprises of new births, immigration and emigration.
- ii. All classes of the population die naturally.
- iii. Disease induced death is considered in the model.
- iv. Infected individuals can recover naturally though the rate is assumed to be minimal.
- v. The Recovered has permanent immunity for re-infection.
- vi. Every individual taken for treatment recover at a high rate, that is to say the treatment is considered to be effective.
- vii. The population is divided into the Susceptible class (S), the Exposed class (E), Quarantine class (Q), Isolated class (J), the Infected class (I), the Infected but treated class (I_T), and the Recovered class(R).

2.3 Mathematical Model for the transmission and control of COVID-19

The mathematical model that incorporates the above assumptions as given in [11] is given as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dS}{dt} &= \Lambda - \alpha(1-x)S - \mu S \\
 \frac{dE}{dt} &= \alpha(1-x)S - [\theta(1+y) + \beta + \mu]E \\
 \frac{dQ}{dt} &= \theta(1+y)E - (\eta + \mu)Q \\
 \frac{dJ}{dt} &= \eta Q + \phi(1+z)I - (\mu + \sigma + r + \rho)J \\
 \frac{dI}{dt} &= \beta E - [\phi(1+z) + \lambda + \sigma + \mu]I \\
 \frac{dI_T}{dt} &= \gamma J - (\omega + \mu + \sigma)I_T \\
 \frac{dR}{dt} &= \lambda I + \rho J + \omega I_T - \mu R
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Where $\alpha = \frac{\alpha_1 E + \alpha_2 Q + \alpha_3 J + \alpha_4 I + \alpha_5 I_T}{N}$

and $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$

where x, y, z , are control parameters

2.4 Model Variables and Parameters Description

Table 1: Model Variables and Description

S/N	VARIABLES	DESCRIPTION
1.	S	Susceptible Human
2.	E	Exposed Human
3.	Q	Quarantined Human
4.	J	Isolated Human
5.	I	Infected Human
6.	I_T	Infected but treated Human
7.	R	Recovered Human

Table 2: Model parameters and Description

S/N	VARIABLES	DESCRIPTION
1	\wedge	Recruitment rate
2	α	Force of infection
3	θ	Rate at which the exposed are quarantine
4	η	Rate at which the quarantined are isolated
5	β	Rate at which the exposed are infected
6	ϕ	Rate at which the infected are isolated
7	γ	Treatment rate
8	ρ	Natural recovery rate of the isolated
9	λ	Natural recovery rate of the infected
10	ω	Recovery rate due to treatment
11	σ	Disease induced death rate
12	μ	Natural death rate
13	x	Enlightenment control measures for the susceptible individuals to observe social distance, washing of hands, covering of mouth when talking, coughing and sneezing
14	y	Enlightenment control measure for the exposed to be quarantined
15	Z	Enlightenment control measure for the infected to be isolated

(2.5) Endemic Disease Equilibrium (EE)

At the endemic disease equilibrium, infection exists and as such we let:

$$S = S^*, E = E^*, Q = Q^*, J = J^*, I = I^*, I_T = I_T^* \text{ and } R = R^*$$

Also at equilibrium,

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{dJ}{dt} = \frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{dI_T}{dt} = \frac{dR}{dt} = 0$$

The EE is represented by $[S^*, E^*, Q^*, J^*, I^*, I_T^*, R^*]$ which is given by:

$$\varepsilon_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\alpha(1-x)}{[\theta(1+y)+\beta+\mu]E^*}, \frac{\beta}{[\phi(1+z)+\lambda+\sigma+\mu]}, \frac{\theta(1+y)E^*}{(\eta+\mu)}, \frac{(\omega+\mu+\sigma)I_T^*}{\gamma}, \\ \frac{(\eta+\mu)(\mu+\sigma+\gamma+\rho)(\omega+\mu+\sigma)I_T^* - \gamma\eta\theta(1+y)E^*}{\phi\gamma(\eta+\mu)(1+z)}, \frac{(\lambda+\mu\gamma\lambda)I^*}{[\omega\gamma\mu+\rho\mu\omega(\omega+\mu+\sigma)]}, \frac{\gamma\lambda I^* + [\rho(\omega+\mu+\sigma) + \gamma\omega]I_T^*}{\gamma\mu} \end{array} \right\} \quad (2)$$

3.0 Global Stability Analysis Of Endemic Equilibrium Point of The Model

Theorem 2: If $R_0 > 1$, the endemic equilibrium point (ε_1) of the model(1) is globally asymptotically stable.

Proof:

To establish the global stability of the endemic equilibrium point ε_1 , we construct the following using Lyapunov function.

$$V(S^* E^* Q^* J^* I^* I_T^* R^*) = \left(S - S^* - S^* \log \frac{S^*}{S} \right) + \left(E - E^* - E^* \log \frac{E^*}{E} \right) + \left(Q - Q^* - Q^* \log \frac{Q^*}{Q} \right) + \left(J - J^* - J^* \log \frac{J^*}{J} \right) + \left(I - I^* - I^* \log \frac{I^*}{I} \right) + \left(I_T - I_T^* - I_T^* \log \frac{I_T^*}{I_T} \right) + \left(R - R^* - R^* \log \frac{R^*}{R} \right) \quad (3)$$

Where:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{dS}{dt} = \Lambda - \left(\frac{\alpha_1 E + \alpha_2 Q + \alpha_3 J + \alpha_4 I + \alpha_5 I_T}{N} \right) (1-x)S - \mu S \\ \frac{dE}{dt} = \left(\frac{\alpha_1 E + \alpha_2 Q + \alpha_3 J + \alpha_4 I + \alpha_5 I_T}{N} \right) (1-x)S - [\theta(1+y) + \beta + \mu]E \\ \frac{dQ}{dt} = \theta(1+y)E - (\eta + \mu)Q \\ \frac{dJ}{dt} = \eta Q + \phi(1+Z)I - (\mu + \sigma + r + \rho)J \\ \frac{dI}{dt} = \beta E - [\phi(1+Z) + \lambda + \sigma + \mu]I \\ \frac{dI_T}{dt} = \gamma J - (\omega + \mu + \sigma)I_T \\ \frac{dR}{dt} = \lambda I + \rho J + \omega I_T - \mu R \end{array} \right\} \quad (4)$$

Thus:

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{S-S^*}{S} \left[\Lambda - \left(\frac{\alpha_1 E + \alpha_2 Q + \alpha_3 J + \alpha_4 I + \alpha_5 I_T}{N} \right) (1-x)S - \mu S \right] + \frac{E-E^*}{E} \left[\left(\frac{\alpha_1 E + \alpha_2 Q + \alpha_3 J + \alpha_4 I + \alpha_5 I_T}{N} \right) (1-x)S - \theta 1 + y + \beta + \mu E + Q - Q^* \theta 1 + y E - \eta + \mu Q + J - J^* \eta Q + \emptyset 1 + Z I - \mu + \sigma + r + \rho J + I - I^* I \beta E - [\emptyset(1+Z) + \lambda + \sigma + \mu] I + IT - IT^* I \gamma J - (\omega + \mu + \sigma) IT + R - R^* R \lambda I + \rho J + \omega IT - \mu R \right] \quad (5)$$

Therefore:-

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} = & (S - S^*) \frac{\left[\Lambda - \frac{1}{N}(\alpha_1(E-E^*) + \alpha_2(Q-Q^*) + \alpha_3(J-J^*) + \alpha_4(I-I^*) + \alpha_5(I_T-I_T^*)) (1-x)(S-S^*) - \mu(S-S^*) \right]}{S} + \\ & (E - E^*) \left[\frac{\frac{1}{N}(\alpha_1(E-E^*) + \alpha_2(Q-Q^*) + \alpha_3(J-J^*) + \alpha_4(I-I^*) + \alpha_5(I_T-I_T^*)) (1-x)(S-S^*) - [\theta(1+y) + \beta + \mu](E-E^*)}{E} \right] + \\ & \frac{(Q-Q^*)[\theta(1+y)(E-E^*) - (\eta + \mu)(Q-Q^*)]}{Q} + \frac{(J-J^*)[\eta(Q-Q^*) + \emptyset(1+Z)(J-J^*) - (\mu + \sigma + r + \rho)(J-J^*)]}{J} + \\ & \frac{(I-I^*)[\beta(E-E^*) - [\emptyset(1+Z) + \lambda + \sigma + \mu](I-I^*)]}{I} + \frac{(I_T-I_T^*)[\gamma(J-J^*) - (\omega + \mu + \sigma)(I_T-I_T^*)]}{I_T} + \\ & \frac{(R-R^*)[\lambda(I-I^*) + \rho(J-J^*) + \omega(I_T-I_T^*) - \mu(R-R^*)]}{R} \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

Then we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} = & \frac{1}{S} \left[(S - S^*) \Lambda - \frac{\alpha_1}{N} (E - E^*) (S - S^*)^2 + \frac{\alpha_2}{N} (Q - Q^*) (S - S^*)^2 + \frac{\alpha_3}{N} (J - J^*) (S - S^*)^2 + \right. \\ & \alpha_4 N (I - I^*) S - S^* 2 + \alpha_5 N (IT - IT^*) S - S^* 2 1 - x - \mu S - S^* 2 + 1 E \alpha_1 N (E - E^*) 2 S - S^* + \alpha_2 N (E - E^*) (Q \\ & - Q^*) S - S^* + \alpha_3 N (E - E^*) (J - J^*) S - S^* + \alpha_4 N (E - E^*) (I - I^*) S - S^* + \alpha_5 N (E - E^*) (IT - IT^*) S - S^* 1 - \\ & x - \theta 1 + y + \beta + \mu (E - E^*) + 1 Q \theta (Q - Q^*) 1 + y (E - E^*) - \eta + \mu (Q - Q^*) 2 + 1 J \eta (J - J^*) (Q - Q^*) + \emptyset 1 + Z (I \\ & - I^*) (J - J^*) - \mu + \sigma + r + \rho (J - J^*) 2 + 1 I \beta (I - I^*) (E - E^*) - [\emptyset(1+Z) + \lambda + \sigma + \mu] (I - I^*) 2 + 1 IT \gamma (IT - IT^* \\ &) (J - J^*) - (\omega + \mu + \sigma) (IT - IT^*) 2 + 1 R \lambda (R - R^*) (I - I^*) + \rho (J - J^*) + \omega (IT - IT^*) - \mu (R - R^*) 2 \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} = & \frac{\Lambda(1-x)(S-S^*)}{S} - \frac{\alpha_1(1-x)(E-E^*)(S-S^*)^2}{N} + \frac{\alpha_2(1-x)(Q-Q^*)(S-S^*)^2}{N} + \frac{\alpha_3(1-x)(J-J^*)(S-S^*)^2}{N} + \\ & \frac{\alpha_4(1-x)(I-I^*)(S-S^*)^2}{N} + \frac{\alpha_5(1-x)(I_T-I_T^*)(S-S^*)^2}{N} - \frac{\mu(S-S^*)^2}{S} + \frac{\alpha_1(1-x)(E-E^*)(S-S^*)}{N} + \\ & \frac{\alpha_2(1-x)(E-E^*)(Q-Q^*)(S-S^*)}{N} + \frac{\alpha_3(1-x)(E-E^*)(J-J^*)(S-S^*)}{N} + \frac{\alpha_4(1-x)(E-E^*)(I-I^*)(S-S^*)}{N} + \\ & \frac{\alpha_5(1-x)(E-E^*)(I_T-I_T^*)(S-S^*)}{N} - \frac{[\theta(1+y) + \beta + \mu](E-E^*)}{E} + \frac{(Q-Q^*)\theta[(1+y)(E-E^*)]}{Q} - \frac{(\eta + \mu)(Q-Q^*)^2}{Q} + \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(J-J^*)\eta(Q-Q^*)}{J} + \frac{(J-J^*)\phi(1+Z)(I-I^*)}{J} - \frac{(\mu+\sigma+r+\rho)(J-J^*)^2}{J} + \frac{(I-I^*)\beta(E-E^*)}{I} - \frac{(I-I^*)^2[\phi(1+Z)+\lambda+\sigma+\mu]}{I} + \\ & \frac{(I_T-I_T^*)\gamma(J-J^*)}{I_T} - \frac{(\omega+\mu+\sigma)(I_T-I_T^*)^2}{I_T} + \frac{(R-R^*)\lambda(I-I^*)}{R} + \frac{(R-R^*)\rho(J-J^*)}{R} + \frac{(R-R^*)\omega(I_T-I_T^*)}{R} - \frac{\mu(R-R^*)^2}{R} \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

Collecting the positive and negative terms from equation (8)

We obtain $\frac{dV}{dt} = M_1 - M_2$

Where M_1 represents the positive terms and M_2 represents the negative terms in the expression (8)

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 = & \frac{(S-S^*)^2}{S} \left[\frac{\alpha_2(1-x)(Q-Q^*)}{N} + \frac{\alpha_3(1-x)(J-J^*)}{N} + \frac{\alpha_4(1-x)(I-I^*)}{N} + \frac{\alpha_5(1-x)(I_T-I_T^*)}{N} \right] + \frac{(E-E^*)^2}{E} \frac{\alpha_1}{N} (1-x)(S-S^*) + \\ & \frac{(S-S^*)}{S} \Lambda(1-x) + \frac{(E-E^*)}{E} \left[\frac{\alpha_2(1-x)(Q-Q^*)(S-S^*)}{N} + \frac{\alpha_3(1-x)(J-J^*)(S-S^*)}{N} + \frac{\alpha_4(1-x)(I-I^*)(S-S^*)}{N} + \frac{\alpha_5(1-x)(I_T-I_T^*)(S-S^*)}{N} \right] + \\ & \frac{(Q-Q^*)}{Q} \theta(1+y)(E-E^*) + \frac{(J-J^*)}{J} [\eta(Q-Q^*) + \phi(1+Z)(I-I^*)] + \frac{(I-I^*)}{I} \beta(E-E^*) + \frac{(I_T-I_T^*)}{I_T} \gamma(J-J^*) + \\ & \frac{(R-R^*)}{R} [\gamma(I-I^*) + \rho(J-J^*) + \omega(I_T-I_T^*)] \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 = & \frac{(S-S^*)}{S} \left[\frac{\alpha_1}{N} (1-x)(E-E^*) + \mu \right] + \frac{(Q-Q^*)^2}{Q} (\eta + \mu) + \frac{(J-J^*)^2}{J} (\mu + \sigma + \gamma + \rho) + \frac{(I-I^*)^2}{I} (\phi(1+ \\ & Z + \lambda + \sigma + \mu) + (I_T - I_T^*) 2I_T \omega + \mu + \sigma + (R - R^*) R \mu + E - E^* E \theta + 1 + \gamma + \beta + \mu) \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if $M_1 < M_2$, then $\frac{dV}{dt}$ will be negative definite along the solution path of the system. Thus this implies that $\frac{dV}{dt} < 0$, and $\frac{dV}{dt} = 0$ only at a point where $S = S^*, E = E^*, Q = Q^*, J = J^*, I = I^*, I_T = I_T^*, R = R^*$.

Therefore, the largest compact set is $\{(S^*, E^*, Q^*, J^*, I^*, I_T^*, R^*) \in \Omega \mid \frac{dV}{dt} = 0\}$ is just the singleton set (ε_1) where (ε_1) is the endemic equilibrium point.

According to Lasalle's Invariant Principle in [15], it therefore means that (ε_1) is globally asymptotically stable in Ω if $M_1 < M_2$.

This results epidemiologically implies that the COVID-19 will invade the population in respective of the initial conditions (population) considered.

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